

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure, with the amended abstract as follows:

A(Method and apparatus ~~are disclosed~~ for verifying access to logical volume stored on at least one of the plurality of storage elements. The access can involve verification that the appropriate logical volume is being accessed and may also or instead include checking of authorization of a user to access that logical volume or logical entity. A database may be maintained to track users or host computers that are permitted to access the logical volume.